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Mr. John Mrzygod  
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Charlotte, North Carolina 28202

**Re: City of Charlotte's 2010 Application for Exempt Discretionary Grants for Urban Circular Systems**

Dear Mr. Mrzygod:

As Chair of the Charlotte Streetcar Advisory Committee, I am happy to offer this letter of support for the City's 2010 Application for Exempt Discretionary funds for the first segment of Charlotte's expansion of its streetcar system. The Advisory Committee met on January 14, 2010 and voted unanimously to support this project

The Advisory Committee, as you are aware, was appointed by the Mayor and Council in October of 2008. The members represent a cross-section of the greater Charlotte community. The Committee is charged with providing input from a community perspective as it relates to the overall expansion of Charlotte's streetcar system. The group also assists City staff with all of its citizen participation activities in regard to the effort.

We support the construction of the proposed 1.5 mile segment because it enhances existing transportation services for all residents by connecting the Charlotte Transportation Center, Bobcats Arena, the Government District, Central Piedmont Community College, Presbyterian Hospital and the Elizabeth Avenue business corridor. The proposed project is cost-effective as it makes use of tracks that are already in place along Elizabeth Avenue. In addition, it will also serve as a catalyst for future economic development activities.

Again, we are fully in favor of the proposed project. However, we also strongly encourage the City of Charlotte to continue its efforts to implement the comprehensive expansion of the streetcar system, inclusive not only of the proposed initial segment but also the 10-mile line from Beatties Ford Road to Eastland Mall and Central Avenue via uptown Charlotte.

If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (704) 378-1006.

With Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. Carter".

Ronald L. Carter, Ph.D.  
President

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